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Requirements for ELINT Operation
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1. On 1 June 1959, the ARC agreed on the paper set forth in the attached.

2. This paper is a basic paper in the requirement operations of COMOR and is resubmitted for the information of the Committee and for ready reference, as well as for reconsideration in the future when required.

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Requirements for [redacted] Operation [redacted]

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1. On an interim basis and pending organizational arrangements to be established by NSA in pursuance of its NSCID-6 responsibilities in cooperation with the USIB agencies, the following requirements and attendant procedures agreed to by the ARC will provide guidance for the collection of [redacted] operation [redacted] territory. At this time, and in keeping with the national priority intelligence objectives as well as the approved ELINT intelligence requirements, ELINT collection against the CHICOM is not a highest priority objective, except possibly that area bordering Manchuria. The Headquarters agencies recognize that the major interest in ELINT collection in this area, which principally concerns radar, stems from the PACOM theatre.

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2. The more specific requirements within the collection objective of radar are as follows:

a. The technical parameters of known radar.

b. Confirmation of suspense radar (i. e., those radar on which some signals have been collected but with inadequate DF for assurance) and the identification and location of new radar installations.

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[redacted]

3. For the purpose of further refinement of these requirements and to permit maximum guidance for operations, lists as shown below and bearing on 2.a. and b. above will be prepared by PACAF, in consultation with the PACOM ELINT Requirements Committee as required, and will be further amplified by the ELINT Processing Center at [redacted]

a. Priority I Requirements for Technical Parameters of Known Radar.

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b. Priority II Requirements for Technical Parameters of Known Radar.

c. Priority I of Suspense Radar for Confirmation. (N.B. The priority of the suspense radar, it would seem, should be in those areas critical for strike purposes by strategic or tactical forces. Other suspense radar should be included in the next paper.)

d. Priority II Requirements for Suspense Radar.

e. Priority Search Areas for Unknown Radar (demarcated by bounding coordinates); such areas ought not only take account of the present ROB but also areas of greatest relevance to strategic and tactical strike.

4. When the lists outlined in paragraph 3. are completed, the EPC will forward one copy to the CIA Liaison Officer, [] and seven copies through appropriate channels to AFCIN 1A3 for redistribution to NSA, Army, Navy, OSI, Chairman of Ad Hoc Requirements Committee (2 copies).

5. On an interim basis (and in keeping with paragraph 1. above,) these requirements at the initiative of PACAF shall be reviewed and updated when necessary but not less than every three months. The ARC will be apprised of such review when it takes place and will provide further guidance as required.